TOP - Semiconductor quantum dots, which are photoluminescent nanocrystals used in biosensing and biomedical imaging applications.

CENTER - Undergraduates making their own Electrocardiogram in Professor Roblyer’s Bioinstrumentation class.

BOTTOM - The Suki Lab discovered that blood pressure-induced mechanical fluctuations govern ATP production by vascular cells.

COVER - Architectural sketch of the new CILSE building (page 2)
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FOR DECADES, some of the most exciting research at Boston University has been unfolding in a row of buildings hidden on Cummington Mall, designed originally for making carriages instead of studying the life sciences. Now University President Robert A. Brown is giving science a more prominent address on the University’s main thoroughfare. In early summer of 2015, at what was a parking lot at 610 Commonwealth Avenue, BU broke ground for its new Center for Integrated Life Sciences & Engineering (CILSE), a $140 million, state-of-the-art, nine-story research facility that will bring together life scientists, engineers, and physicians from the Medical and Charles River Campuses. The building will be dedicated to systems neuroscience, cognitive neuroimaging, and biological design. With shared, flexible lab spaces, meeting rooms and other common areas, it is being designed to encourage the kind of collaborative, interdisciplinary research that will be the hallmark of 21st-century science.

"Today, many of the outstanding challenges in science lie at the boundaries between traditional disciplines or the unchartered spaces between them,” says President Brown. These unchartered spaces will be explored at CILSE, a place, says Brown, that will foster “major interdisciplinary research efforts led by faculty from many departments and schools, but with common interests.” It will contain lab space for approximately 160 researchers, postdoctoral students, and staff, 270 graduate students, and additional space for future faculty. CILSE will be built adjacent to historic Morse Auditorium and is expected to be finished in late 2016 or early 2017. The architects are from Payette, a Boston firm that has built prize-winning science buildings for major research universities and other institutions around the world.

The 170,000-square-foot building will house the Center for Systems Neuroscience, the Biological Design Center, the Center for Sensory Communication and Neuroengineering Technology, and a Cognitive Neuroimaging Center with a 3 Tesla fMRI—a fundamental tool for studying the brain’s trillions of neural connections and how they relate to human behavior.

The University boasts one of the nation’s largest clusters of researchers in the emerging fields of systems neuroscience, which examines brain function at the cellular, molecular, and cognitive levels; and biological design, which seeks to build new biological systems with the tools and techniques of engineering. These interdisciplinary fields tackle some of the thorniest problems in science and medicine, like the detection and treatment of infectious diseases, treatments for Parkinson’s and Alzheimer’s diseases, how memory works, and the root causes of autism. These problems draw researchers from diverse fields who are currently spread across both campuses.

The new Center for Sensory Communication and Neuroengineering Technology will be directed by BME Professor Barbara Shinn-Cunningham, and will bring together neuroscientists and sensory physiologists who study hearing, speech, and language, as well as mathematicians who investigate neural coding. The center will connect scientists in these areas to enhance technological innovation, and develop technologies such as neural prosthetics and brain-computer interfaces.

Joining Shinn-Cunningham in the CILSE Building when construction is completed in May 2017, will be two other BME faculty, John White, Professor and Chair of Biomedical Engineering and Assistant Professor Xue Han, both leaders in the field of neuroengineering. Professor White’s
laboratory uses engineering approaches to understand how information is processed in the brain, with the goal of exploiting these findings to improve the human condition, and in Prof Han’s lab they are working to design principles for novel neuromodulation therapies by inventing and applying various genetic, molecular, pharmacological, optical, electrical and nano tools to build functional connectomes of the brain. Ultimately, they hope to develop novel neurotechnologies to treat neurological and psychiatric disorders.

The building will also house the state-of-the-art 21st-century life sciences and engineering Biological Design Center (BDC) that will bring together forward-thinking researchers from the hottest fields in bioengineering. These scientists would combine genomic technologies like DNA sequencing and synthesis, 3-D printers, and robots to make new molecules, tissues, and entire organisms. The inaugural BDC faculty will include Christopher Chen (director), a College of Engineering Distinguished Professor and one of the world’s leading experts in tissue engineering and regenerative medicine, and three young stars in synthetic biology—Ahmad (Mo) Khalil (Associate Director), Wilson W. Wong and Douglas Densmore.

Through advances in genomics and stem cell research, many of the molecular and cellular building blocks of life have been cataloged. A central challenge is to understand, control, and reengineer how these component parts fit together to bring about functional biological systems that define life and solve important societal problems, ranging from producing clean energy to fighting infection and attacking cancer. That is the fundamental quest that brought Chen, Khalil, Wong, and Densmore together and that will drive the new center. Four to six new researchers—all exceptional innovators, says Chen—will be added to the center’s faculty over the next several years.

Up until now fields such as synthetic biology and tissue engineering have arisen as separate disciplines. Synthetic biology involves designing and synthesizing genes, genetic and signaling networks, and genomes to predictably control cellular behavior. Tissue engineering involves trying to manipulate and combine cells and extracellular materials to induce the assembly of tissues. “But we realized that even though these two fields may involve slightly different tools,” Chen says, “they belong under one roof.” Housing the group at the CILSE, says Gloria Waters, University vice president and associate provost for research, “is a prime example of the goals of the new building—bringing together great scientists from different fields and breaking down the barriers to collaboration.”

“One of the great things about BU is that we have spectacular faculty from many different disciplines,” says Gloria Waters, vice president and associate provost for research. “This building will allow us to bring them together in ways that wouldn’t happen if they occupied space in their individual school or college. By placing new groups in proximity to one another, we are hoping to develop collaborations that would not happen otherwise, and ultimately some unique areas of excellence.”

President Brown has emphasized that the research inside the building be reflected in its exterior, says principal architect Charles Klee. Just as EPIC (the new Engineering Product Innovation Center on Commonwealth Avenue) allows the public to see the hands-on nature of engineering, CILSE’s glass-walled exterior will provide a window onto basic science research at BU. “This is not a building that wants to be ashamed that it’s a research building,” says Klee. “You’ll be able to see the exhaust fans on the roof, for example. It’s transparent. You can see life in it. A lot of buildings are opaque—you have no idea whether it’s a dorm, an office building, or a bank. We’re giving science a front door on Commonwealth Avenue.”
In academic year 2014-2015 the BME Department added two new faculty members, Professor and Chair John White and Assistant Professor John Ngo (Start date 7/1/15). Associate Professors Edward Damiano, Catherine Klapperich and Muhammad Zaman were promoted to Professor. Professor Carlo De Luca retired and became an Emeritus Professor of Biomedical Engineering, Professor Jim Collins resigned his tenured position and left Boston University. Sadly, Prof David Mountain passed away in November 2014 from a extended illness, he will be sorely missed. At the end of FY15 the BME Faculty numbered 34, making the department one of the largest in the country in terms of primary faculty.

The BME Graduate Program was led by Prof Catherine Klapperich as the Associate Chair for Graduate Programs through December 2014 and was relieved by Prof Michael Smith who served for the remained of the academic year. The BME Ph.D. Program awarded 16 degrees this year, bringing our total Ph.D. degrees awarded to 246 since the program began in 1991. 18 MS degrees were awarded as well as 17 MEng degrees. Our graduate programs enrolled 150 students (119 PhD students; 4 MD/PhD; 8 MS; 19 MEng).

Graduate student recruitment was led by the Director of Graduate Admissions, Prof. Joe Tien. In the Fall 2015 we expect 57 new graduate students (27 PhD, 13 MS and 17 MEng). Our Ph.D. applicant pool continues to be competitive with other top tier Biomedical Engineering Programs. In the 2014 – 2015 recruiting season we received 643 applications. The quality of the students matriculating remains very high with a mean GPA of 3.6 (US students only).

The Associate chair for the BME Undergraduate Program was Prof Muhammad Zaman. The BME Undergraduate Program awarded 115 Bachelor of Science degrees and enrolled 573 students.

During 2014-2015 the 34 primary BME faculty attracted over $25 million in extramural funds available for expenditure during the year. This translates to over $751,000 per faculty member. Our faculty is comprised of world renowned scientists and engineers who work across every scale of biology and in a wide spectrum of bioengineering subspecialties. Their research is driven by advancing fundamental understanding of biology and physiology in health and disease and then translating these principles to new technologies that impact the human condition and the practice of medicine. The research laboratories of the research active faculty members are listed on our web site (http://www.bu.edu/bme/research/labs/) and they also participate in five interdisciplinary research centers that are directed or co-directed by BME faculty: Biomolecular Engineering Research Center (BMERC), Center for Computational Neuroscience and Neural Technology (CompNet), Center for Nanoscience and Nanobiotechnology (CNN), Biological Design Center (BDC), and Hearing Research Center (HRC).
NEW BME FACULTY

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Dr. Ngo received his PhD in Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics in 2011 from the California Institute of Technology, then did a Post Doc with Dr. Roger Tsien at UCSD. Dr. Ngo’s research focuses on two areas, biomaterials design and neuronal cell biology. He uses visible and infrared light to construct biomaterials and engineers self-destructing proteins and polymers that cleave themselves at tunable rates for controlling the half-life of macromolecules in vivo. He will also be developing molecular tools for electron microscopy that will be broadly applicable in cell biology but specifically useful in his work on determining if translation occurs in axons and presynaptic axon terminals of adult neurons.

JOHN A. WHITE
Professor John A. White in the new Chair of the Biomedical Engineering starting May 1, 2015. He was recruited from the University of Utah and succeeds Professor Sol Eisenberg, who remains Senior Associate Dean for Academic Programs. John was a BME faculty member for 13 years before he joined the University of Utah in 2007 as a Professor of Bioengineering. During his tenure at the College of Engineering, he served as BME chairman ad interim and as associate chair for undergraduate and graduate studies, and received the ENG Faculty Service Award in 2002. At the University of Utah, John was a USTAR professor and was the executive director of the Brain Institute, an interdisciplinary institute that spanned the medical school, life sciences, and the school of engineering. Prof White has used engineering approaches to better understand how information is processed in the brain. Combining computational modeling, electrophysiological and optical techniques, and imaging methods, he has worked to advance new biomedical devices to treat memory disorders and epilepsy. Supported by more than $50 million in funding from the NIH, National Science Foundation and other sources, he has published over 70 peer-reviewed papers, is a Fellow of the American Institute for Biological and Medical Engineering and of the Biomedical Engineering Society, and has served as meeting chair for the Biomedical Engineering Society Fall Meeting in 2014 and Visiting Fellow at the University of Washington in Seattle and at research institutions in Germany. John received his PhD in Biomedical Engineering from Johns Hopkins University in 1990.
Edward Damiano, Catherine Klapperich and Muhammad Zaman were promoted to Professor of Biomedical Engineering.

Edward Damiano gave the 2015 University Lecture – Creating a Bridge to Cure Diabetes

Charles Delisi presented the College of Engineering with a monetary gift to fund a Distinguished Lecture Series.

Mark Grinstaff received the inaugural Charles Delisi Award and Lecture, titled Design of Biomaterials for Clinical Applications.

Xue Han received a Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers, presented by President Obama in Washington DC.

Ahmad (Mo) Khalil was selected as one of 77 innovative early-career educators to participate in the National Academy of Engineering’s (NAE) sixth Frontiers of Engineering Education (FOEE) symposium on October 26-29 in Irvine, California.

Catherine Klapperich was selected by Dean Lutchen as the College of Engineering Associate Dean for Research.

Darren Roblyer received a DOD Breast Cancer Research Program Era of Hope Scholar Award, 5 year $4M grant.

Herb Voigt received a Fulbright Scholar grant to work at the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (PUCP) during the 2014-2015 academic year.

Joyce Wong was selected as an inaugural Distinguished Professor of Engineering.
Muhammad Zaman was selected as a HHMI Professor; elected as a 2015 AIMBE Fellow (30 BME Faculty are elected fellows of AIMBE); and received a $2M Saving Lives at Birth: A Grand Challenge for Development Grant for PharmaChk, a user-friendly, low-cost, portable, fast and accurate detector for screening counterfeit and substandard medicines.

BME Senior Project Team of Poling Yeung, Michaelina Dupnik and William Moik under the guidance of Assistant Professor Jason Ritt took second place in the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB) Design by Undergraduate Biomedical Engineering Teams (DEBUT) competition. The BME team’s entry, a “Sensory Substitution Glove for the Visually Impaired,” is designed to enable users to detect obstacles at head-height as well as sudden drop-offs, and do so early enough to change course and prevent injury. The team received $15,000 at a ceremony at the Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES) conference in October.

Jonathan Rosen, Sr Lecturer in BME, has developed a yearlong 8-credit course in Advanced Biomedical Design and Development. A required sequence for students enrolled in the BME Master of Engineering program, students will work with leading clinicians to observe and identify unmet clinical challenges, design and develop innovative engineering solutions to those challenges, and explore the regulatory, intellectual property, and reimbursement pathways that will ultimately advance the standard of patient care through the deployment of their innovations.

College of Engineering alumni from across the country converged on Cummington Mall on September 18-20 to celebrate the College’s first 50 years with faculty and students. They learned about high-impact ENG research and entrepreneurial achievements, toured new facilities, participated in a design challenge and engaged in spirited conversations about the past and future of the College.


The 2015 North East Bioengineering Conference (NEBEC) senior design competition awarded the BME team of Courtney Ellenson, Gil Covarrubias, Jr., Danielle Conneely and Nelson Boland, second prize on April 17 at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York. Advised by Professor Catherine Klapperich, the team developed a credit card-sized, microfluidic chip with molecular diagnostic capabilities that promises to improve diagnosis of gonorrhea in any health setting. The competition fielded entries from 79 teams based at 19 different universities.

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- Empirical and theoretical work with an attention to explicit mathematical models for the phenomena under study
- Intensive computer use for experimental and theoretical work
- A basic scientific flavor to the fundamental questions being asked
- An attention to the applications of the work to the improvement of health care, and a thorough understanding of the underlying physiological processes

### RESEARCH AREAS IN BME

- Synthetic Biology and Quantitative Systems Biology
- Neuroengineering & Hearing Research
- Cellular, Subcellular & Systems Biomechanics
- Molecular Bioengineering
- Biomedical applications of Nanotechnology
- Biomedical Optics & Imaging
- Biomaterials, Tissue Engineering & Regenerative Medicine
- Engineering Global Health

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BME GRADUATE STUDENT TRAINING GRANTS:
Quantitative Biology and Physiology (NIH, Bigio PI)
7 STUDENTS
Translations Research in Biomaterials (NIH, Grinstaff PI)
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Training in Computational Neuroscience (NIH, Mountain PI)
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For the past nine years, the mission of the Coulter Translational Partnership (CTP) program has been to promote, develop, and support translational research collaborations between biomedical engineers and clinicians in order to accelerate the successful translation of appropriate innovations to improve patient care. For the past 4 years the Coulter Foundation commitment provides $500,000 per year with an equivalent cost share provided by the university.

Funding was provided to the following projects for 2014-2015:

- Interpenetrating Phase Ceramic Matrix Composite for Dental Implant Structures (R. Giordano/X. Lin)
- Novel Sternal Approximation Device (J. Rosen/K. Karlson)
- A dissolvable, hydrogel-based aerosolized sealant dressing for the treatment of superficial to deep-second degree burns (M. Grinstaff/E. Rodriguez/A. Nazarian)
- Specialized Breast Biopsy Introducer – Pilot Clinical Study (J. Brooks/J. McDaniel)

For the 2015-2016 funding year, a total of 19 projects were evaluated, 13 projects were invited to submit full proposals to the Coulter Oversight Committee and 8 projects were invited to make an oral presentation. The new projects selected for funding include:

- Effectiveness of home-based electronic cognitive therapy in Alzheimer’s disease, C. Stepp, and A. Budson
- Next-generation, cartilage-lubricating injectable device, M. Grinstaff and B. Snyder
- Non-invasive neutrophil counts to improve chemotherapy delivery in lymphoma patients, J. Mertz and E. Hochberg
- Individualized hearing-aid signal processing strategies for listeners with “hidden” hearing loss, B. Shinn-Cunningham and S. Kujawa
**ENROLLMENT FOR AY 2014-2015**

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**GRADUATE PROGRAM POPULATION**

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PH.D GRADUATES 2015
THESIS TITLE & ADVISOR(S)

SEPTEMBER 25, 2014

Paul C Iazzetti
(James Galagan, advisor)
“High-throughput Binding Characterization of Bacterial Transcription Factors”

Suma Jaini
(James Galagan, advisor)
“Methods for Functional Characterization of Transcription Factor Binding Sites in Bacteria”

Jason Paul Keller
(James Galagan and Catherine Klapperich, advisors)
“A Microfluidic Platform for Quantitative Analysis of Single Mycobacteria Cells”

Elizabeth Sloan Peruski
(Michael Smith and Dimitrije Stamenovic, advisors)
“Multiscale Regulation of Cellular Mechanical Properties”

Rachel Christine Stewart
(Mark Grinstaff, advisor)
“A Diagnostic Imaging Technique and Therapeutic Strategy for Early Osteoarthritis”

Raphael Turcotte
(Charles Lin (Harvard Medical School, Dermatology) and Jerome Mertz, advisors)
“An Integrated Optical Platform for Micromanipulation of Cells and Tissues in Live Animals”

Hao Wang
(Jerome Mertz and Guillermo Tearney (Harvard Medical School, Pathology), advisors)
“Near Infrared Autofluorescence Augmentation of Optical Coherence Tomography for Diagnosis of Coronary Atherosclerosis”

Xirui Zhang
(M. Selim Unlu, advisor)
“Dual-Spectral Interferometric Sensor for Quantitative Study of Protein-DNA Interactions”

JANUARY 25, 2015

Benjamin Alan Lakin
(Mark Grinstaff, Advisor)
“Developing a Cationic Contrast Agent for Computed Tomographic Imaging of Articular Cartilage and Synthetic Biolubricants for Early Diagnosis and Treatment of Osteoarthritis”

Zhuting Li
(Xue Han and Shelley Russek, Advisors)
“Activity-Dependent Gene Regulation in Neurons: Energy Coupling and a Novel Biosensor”

Joseph Stefano Maffei
(Muhammad Zaman, Advisor)
“Analysis of Matrix Metalloproteinases in Cancer Cell Signaling and Extracellular Behavior”

Tuan Anh Pham
(James Hamilton and Joyce Wong, Advisors)
“Early Detection and Treatment Strategies for Vulnerable Atherosclerotic Plaques”

MAY 17, 2015

Daniel Edwin Backman
(Joyce Wong, Advisor)
“Biomechanics of Aligned Cell Sheets for Arterial Tissue Engineering”

Oliver Bates
(Peter Spector and Bela Suki, Advisors)
“Studies on the Dynamics of Chaotic Multi-Wavelet Reentrant Propagation using a Hybrid Cellular Automation Model of Excitable Tissue”

Timothy M Jackman
(Elise Morgan, Advisor)
“Prediction of Vertebral Fractures Under Axial Compression and Anterior Flexion”

MENG GRADUATES

9/25/2014
Karina Mae Kidd
Dana Michele Daukss
Rui Sun
Yu Zuo

1/25/2015

GRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS AND HONORS

Angelo, Joseph
• NIH F31 Training Fellowship

Bernstein, David
• NSF Graduate Research Fellowship
Honorable Mention

Bonacci, Lia
• NIH Computational Neuroscience Fellowship

Deng, Yuqi
• NIH Computational Neuroscience Fellowship

Hansen, Kyle
• NSF Graduate Research Fellowship

Hu, Dongjian
• Poster of Distinction Award from Massachusetts General Hospital Scientific Advisory Council

Kwasa, Jasmine
• NSF Graduate Research Fellowship
• The Ford Fellowship Foundation Pre-doctoral Fellowship

Mangano, Lauren
• NSF GROW (Graduate Research Opportunities Worldwide) Award

Teodorescu, Debbie
• Gates Millennium Scholarship
• GWISE Professional Development Grant
• CFTCC Cancer Hackathon 2nd Place
• AAUW Selected Professions Fellowship

Thommes, Meghan
• BU-CIRTL (Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning) Teaching as Research Fellowship

Weber, Timothy
• NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Honorable Mention
MS GRADUATES 2015
THESIS TITLE & ADVISOR(S)

SEPTEMBER 25, 2014

Joseph Paul Angelo
(Irving Bigio, advisor)
“Real-time Tissue Viability Assessment Using Near-infrared Light”

Ali Hussein Badreddine
(Irving Bigio, advisor)
“Using Birefringence to Track Action Potentials in Brain Tissue”

Christopher David Hartman
(Joyce Wong, advisor)
“The Role of Extracellular Matrix Composition in Vascular Smooth Muscle Cell Durotaxis”

Anna Katz Hawes
(Jason Ritt, project advisor)
“Experimental Dissociation of Active Sensing Strategies during Tactile Discrimination”

Nga Thuy Ho
(Muhammad Zaman, advisor)
“Multiplexed, Affordable and Portable Platform for Real Time Quantitative Detection of Substandard and Counterfeit Pharmaceuticals”

Yu-An Lien
(Cara Stepp, advisor)
“Optimization and Automation of Relative Fundamental Frequency for Objective Assessment of Vocal Hyperfunction”

Lauren Michelle Mangano
(Elise Morgan, advisor)
“Non-invasive Assessment of Cartilaginous Tissues in Small Animal Models of Injury and Disease”

Carlos Segura
(Irving Bigio and Bryan McLaughlin (Draper Laboratory), advisors)
“Development of an Optrode for Characterization of Tissue Optical Properties at the Neural Tissue-Electrode Interface”

JANUARY 25, 2015

Laura Catherine Blaha
(Mario Cabodi and Joyce Wong, Advisors)
“A Microfluidic Platform to Examine Competition in Soluble Signaling in the Extravasation Microenvironment”

Junzi Dong
(Steve Colburn and Kamal Sen, Advisors)
“Neural Network Model of Spatial Sound Source Segregation”

Andrew Michael Fisher
(Lee Goldstein, Advisor)
“Animal Model of Acute and Chronic Effects of Blast Traumatic Brain Injury”

George Kwong
(Joyce Wong, Advisor)
“Double-Reporter Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells for Vascular Cell Sheet Engineering”

Emily Anne Lough
(Tyrone Porter, Advisor)
“Co-Delivery of Cisplatin and Paclitaxel in Targeted Lipid-Polymer Hybrid Nanoparticle”

Derin Deniz Sevenler
(Selim Unlu, Advisor)
“Identification of Rare Genetic Mutations in Heterogeneous Tumors with Digital Melting Analysis”

Ruei-Jr Wu
MS with Engineering Practice

MAY 17, 2015

Dustin Christopher Clark
(Patrick McNamara, Project Advisor)
“Mapping the Effective Connectivity in Parkinson’s Disease with Canonical Granger Causality”

Elizabeth Marie Shenk
(Neil Ganem and Tyrone Porter, Advisors)
“Identifying and Targeting the Adaptive Mechanisms Made by ALT-Positive Near-Tetraploid Tumor Cells”

Billy Law
MS with Engineering Practice
The BME Department had 573 students enrolled this year, 37% of the total enrollment of the College of Engineering. The percent of female and male students was 43% and 57%, respectively.

### Enrollment for AY 2014-2015

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### BME Enrollment History

### Tracking Alumni

#### Status of 2014-2015 BME Graduates

In an effort to obtain reliable statistics regarding the immediate career plans of our graduating seniors, the College of Engineering conducts an exit survey of all such graduating students in late April/early May. The results of these interviews are shown at left.

- **Employed**: 30%
- **Graduate School**: 28%
- ** Transitional/Other**: 26%
The Department awarded 115 Bachelor of Science degrees this academic year, 38% of all the BS degrees awarded by the College this academic year.

**MMEDIC**

The MMEDIC program is an early selection program that leads to a BS in Engineering and an MD from the Medical School. This program is offered and administrated in collaboration with our School of Medicine and is designed to train biomedical engineers who have the MD as their ultimate degree objective. MMEDIC admits to the School of Medicine a small number of highly qualified students who have completed two years of the premedical option of the biomedical engineering curriculum. The program is not designed to accelerate the engineering or the medical training but rather to effect a better transition from undergraduate engineering study to graduate medical training. The BS in Biomedical Engineering is normally earned after 4 years of undergraduate study and the MD after an additional 4 years of study at the Boston University Medical School.
In 2015, several of the BME seniors were recognized for achievements and contributions to the Boston University community and BME profession.

**Adam M. Miller Memorial Award:**
Awarded by the Biomedical Engineering Department to the graduating senior who has best advanced the reputation and prestige of the department through his/her involvement in department, college, university, professional activities, or organizations, as well as through the academic and senior project programs. This year the award was presented to Courtney Ellenson.

**Engineering Alumni Association Student Leader Award:**
Presented to seniors who have made outstanding contributions to the College and University through their involvement in activities and organizations. Among the six award winners this year were BME seniors Jeray Thelwell, Jennifer Larbi, and Kayla Duval.

**Ging S. Lee Community Service Award:**
Presented to a graduating senior in the College of Engineering to recognize outstanding community service. This year the award was presented to Ryan Paul Schoeplein.

**Outstanding Senior Project Award:**
The team of Kayla Duval and Dennis Marquis were recognized with the Department’s 2015 Outstanding Senior Design Project Award for their project “Application of Multi-Photon Microscopy to Assess the Microscopic Impact of Stretch on Airway Wall Mechanics” under the supervision of Dean Kenneth Lutchen.

**Student Advisor Award:**
Among the 19 ENG winners for outstanding assistance in advising this year, the following BME seniors were recognized: Bradley Chiga, Michael Chin, Danielle Conneely, Gil Covarrubias, George Jiao, Shireen Kheradpey, James Kugler, Olivia Joy Lutz, Dennis Marquis, Ryan Paul Schoeplein, Jeray Anthony Thelwell, and William Yanli Wang.
The purpose of the Biomedical Engineering Society is: “To promote the increase of biomedical engineering knowledge and its utilization.” The student chapter at Boston University works towards this goal in all of its activities. The Biomedical Engineering Society provides a focus for community building among BME students with activities which strengthen their understanding of and interest in Biomedical Engineering. The Society provides students with literature, field trips, films and guest lectures, which provide them with a “resource center” concerning such vital areas as career opportunities and graduate study in Biomedical Engineering.

**BMES Officers AY 2014-15**
- **President** – Ronak Nair ’15
- **Vice President** – Julianne Tefft ’15
- **Corresponding Secretary** – Ryan Schoeplein ’15
- **Recording Secretary** – Courtney Ellenson ’15
- **Treasurer** – Hallie Thorp ’15
- **Social Chair** – Willaim Wang ’15

**Alpha Eta Mu Beta**

**Biomedical Engineering Honor Society**

Alpha Eta Mu Beta is the honor society for Biomedical Engineering. The society promotes an understanding of the profession and recognizes and encourages excellence within the field. The purpose of the society is to bring into closer union and to mark in an outstanding manner those biomedical engineers who have manifested a deep interest and marked ability in their chosen life work so as to promote an understanding of their profession and to develop its members professionally.

**AEMB Officers AY 2014-2015**
- **President** – Courtney Ellenson ’15
- **Vice President** – Shreya Deshmukh ’15
- **Secretary** – Nelson Boland ’15
- **Treasurer** – Keith George ’15
The BME Department, College of Engineering and Boston University have several programs that allow undergraduates to participate in research activities.

Under the Bell, FIRST and Trustee Scholarships the recipients are eligible for research funding for up to 10 hours of research a week for one semester.

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Each year, 10 Lutchen Fellows from the Kenneth R. Lutchen Distinguished Fellowship Program spend the summer engaged in a transformative research experience under the guidance of a faculty member. Students must maintain a 3.0 average to be eligible for the fellowship, and may conduct their projects during the summer following either their sophomore or junior year.

The College of Engineering undergraduates engaged in faculty-mentored full-time research experiences during the summer may apply for the Summer Term Alumni Research Scholars (STARS) program. STARS participants will receive 10 or 12 weeks of housing in a Boston University residence hall OR up to $2750 towards off-campus housing costs (reimbursement is for actual cost of housing). To be eligible, students must receive a weekly stipend from an engineering faculty mentor to participate in full-time research during the summer (summer courses are not allowed).

The College of Engineering Supplemental Undergraduate Research Funds (SURF) program encourages faculty to involve undergraduates in their research programs during the academic year by providing matching funds for undergraduate students who are working on faculty-sponsored research. Requests for SURF funds are made by individual students when they have found positions in faculty labs.

The Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) is a University-wide academic program which promotes participation by Boston University undergraduates in faculty-mentored research across all disciplines and throughout the calendar year.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES FOR UNDERGRADUATES

Lutchen Fellows Summer 2014
Yash Agarwal
Timothy Chong
Samantha Chua
Young Guang
Thomas Lozanoski
Shane McCormack
Samantha Pipe
Jarrod Risley
Jordan Sweer

Stars Summer 2014
Erin Chang
Cameron Curtiss
Aubrey Glasson
Katherine Girouard
Anna Hughes
Zachary King
Nikita Patil
Shikha Sharma
Joshua Shelofsky
Maria Torres

SURF AY 2014-2015
Esmael Moona
Alexander O’Donovan
Shaheer Piracha
William Wang
Aubrey Glasson
Andrew Colletta
Allison Durkan
Angela Voss
Maciej Walkosz
Gil Covarrubias
Wanwen Li
Mazya Mowlod
Deana Novin
Danielle Stonely
Katherine Truelson
Kyle Mitchell
Veena Dali
Deana Novin
Jeffrey Baker
Leo Shapiro

UROP Spring 2015
Yash Agarwal
Davis Borucki
Pin-Hao Chao
Max Cotler
Kayla Duval
Samuel Ghilardi
Jaclyn Grode
Kathryn Hardin
Tadafumi Ikezu
Rishi Jain
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Adrienne Lee
Raleigh Linville
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Ryan McNoughton
Charina Ortega
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Maciej Walkosz
Monica Weitekamp
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Zhengyang Zhang

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Kamilia Drezek
Emily Fitzgerald
Aubrey Glasson
Katherine Girouard
Kevin Huang
Raleigh Linville
Emily Margolis
Emily Misnick
Lisa Nguyen
Sanjana Pannem
Nikita Patil
Abha Patil
Shaheer Piracha
Kathleen Ryan
Wali Subuhi
Nicholas Salvador
Shikha Sharma
John Viola
Maciej Walkosz
Patrick Williamson
Jing Xu
Zhengyang Zhang
Kavim Zhu

UROP Fall 2014
Yash Agarwal
Callen Bragdon
Pin-Hao Chao
Phuong Diep
Leticia Kim
Adrienne Lee
Bauer LeSavage
Raleigh Linville
Ryan McNoughton
Bethany Moore
Charina Ortega
Alan Pacheco
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